

REMARKS

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for acknowledging that the above-referenced application contains allowable subject matter. In particular, that claim 3 is objected to for being dependent on a rejected claim and would be allowed if amended to include the limitations of independent claim 1 and intervening claim 2. Although the Examiner has indicated that claim 3 has only been objected to and has listed claim 3 as only being objected to on the Office Action Summary sheet of the present Office Action, the Examiner has included claim 3 in the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. That is, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 under U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly claim the subject matter which applicant claims as the invention. However, the Examiner has listed only claims 1 and 2 and **NOT** claim 3 as part of this rejection on the Office Action Summary sheet of the present Office Action.

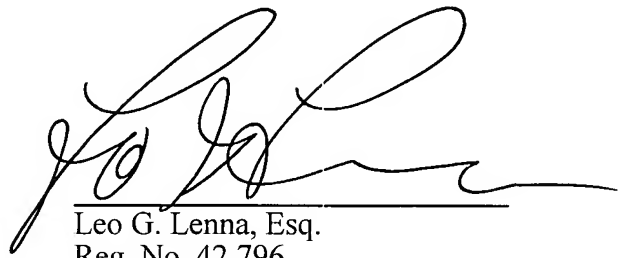
Therefore, based on the fact that the Examiner has clearly indicated in several places in the Office Action that claim 3 was not part of the rejection but has been only objected to, it is the Applicants believe that including claim 3 in the rejection was a clerical error by the Examiner and was not meant to be part of the rejection. Should the Examiner disagree with this assumption and decide to issue a new office action, the Applicants respectfully assert that the new Office Action can not be made final. In addition, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney at the stated number below to discuss this issue.

With regards to the rejection of claims 1 and 2 set forth on page 2 of the Office Action, by way of this amendment claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled and claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of the cancelled claims. Accordingly, the rejection as it pertains to these claims is now moot.

In addition, in view of the forgoing amendment, and the Examiner's statements that claim 3 contains allowable subject matter if rewritten into independent form, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 amended to include all of the limitations of claims 2 and 3 is now in condition for allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney should there be any questions.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Lenna', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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